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#### REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending. Claims 1, 3-11, and 16 stand rejected. Claims 1, 11 and 16 have been canceled, rendering their rejections moot. Claims 2 and 12-15 stand objected to. After entry of this amendment, claims 2-10, and 12-15 will be pending.

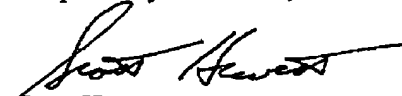
Claims 2, 12, and 15 are amended to read in independent form, including all of the limitations from the base claims from which they depend, in accordance with the indication of allowability. The undersigned believes independent claims 2, 12, and 15 are now allowable, and that all claims that depend from claims 2, 12, and 15 are also allowable. These amendments do not add new matter.

Claim 3 is amended to correct dependency to amended independent claim 2. Claim 10 is amended to provide correct antecedent basis in response to the rejection of claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. §112 ¶ 2. The undersigned believes this amendment overcomes this rejection in a self-evident manner, and requests removal of this rejection. These amendments do not add new matter.

#### CONCLUSION

The Applicants submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner consider necessary or desirable any formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims, and/or drawings, then it is respectfully asked that such changes be made by an examiner's amendment, if the Examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned at (707) 591-0789.

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